

**SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2008 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Richard Wright. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sean Schurr. Recording Secretary Elaine Thomas called the roll and a quorum was declared. The following members were present:

Kevin Beauchamp	Rick Dean
Reggie Dion	Stephanie Franks
Phil Henry	Istar Holliday
Vince McCarthy	Sean Schurr
Elaine Thomas	Harry Walls
Richard Wright	Dan Woodson
Jim Harrison	

There were no deletions or additions to the agenda. The Minutes of the May, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected with motion by Harry Walls, seconded by Dan Woodson.

Treasurer's report was given by Stephanie Franks as follows:

Board Meetings	(\$614.50)	Dump fees	\$1905.76
Library	\$2285.45	Total	\$3576.71

Community Presentations:

Cal Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher was represented by Paramedic Brent Lee who issued the following report:

Nipomo Station 20 – total 89 calls
6 Fires 13 Vehicle Accidents
62 Medical 8 other
Year to date: 486

Mesa Station 22 – total 71 calls
4 Fires 11 Vehicle Accidents
42 Medical 14 Other
Year to date: 401

Training was held for electrical emergencies and low angle rescue.

It is advised that 100 feet of defensible space should be allowed around structures for fire safety. Mowing was urged before 10:00 a.m. because of higher humidity early in the day and less chance of fires caused by sparks.

The Fire Safe House was presented at Nipomo Elementary and the Children's Day in the Park was also held. A total of 450 children attended.

The chipping program will be coordinated by Nipomo CSD and applications can be picked up at Station 22 or Nipomo CSD.

New Station 20 update: Foundation is being poured this week.
Nipomo PCF Company Fire Fighter of the year was awarded to Dave Lieneman.
There was no further news on the Nipomo Recreation building fire.

California Highway Patrol Lt. Mark Badovinac, SLO Office

Lt. Badovinac indicated they are preparing for the 4th of July weekend.
He noted there is one more week before cell phone use while driving becomes illegal and citations will be issued.

The State of California has been requested to issue permanent motorcycles for officer's use in our area.

Dan Woodson thanked Lt. Badovinac for increased presence of police in the Las Flores area but it is too soon to tell if there is improvement in the number of speeders. The officers will continue to be present in that area when school starts in the fall.

There was been a second unit assigned to the graveyard shift.

Stephanie Franks thanked Lt. Badovinac for increased patrols on the Mesa. Lt. Badovinac indicated the black armband he is wearing is in honor of an Officer in Yolo County who was killed in the line of duty.

It is illegal to cross at the double-double yellow line on Mary to enter the Von's/Savon gas station and citations will be issued.

SLO County Planning Staff: Mr. Brian Pedrotti

Mr. Pedrotti announced a hearing will be held on the Allshouse Project at Avenida de Amigos on Thursday, June 25, 2008 at the County Planning Commission. The project includes 15 new residential condominiums plus a four unit apartment building. The SCAC Board has previously noted a number of objections to this project such as lack of parking, lack of access for Fire Trucks, lack of play area for children and has indicated the project is too condensed for the area. It was noted that illegal parking which can block access by Fire Trucks is not being cited and has been ignored in the past.

Mr. Pedotti indicated there is a request for the 4 unit apartment building to be increased to 15 more attached units. Istar Holliday mentioned there was a request for shared liability with the adjacent property for shared play area space. Mr. Pedrotti will email the new plan request to Istar Holliday.

Public Works Department will offer a plan of improvements for the Tefft corridor and other projects. Dale Ramey should be invited to future meetings to discuss these plans.

Nipomo Community Services District: Mr. Jim Harrison

Mr. Harrison noted that the Blacklake water issue is being discussed. He indicated that the access to Santa Maria water is requested and hopes to be in operation by 2011. There will be a change from chlorine to chloramine to purify the water. The new process produces better tasting water but is a more complex system. He said the Sewer/Water Master Plan is completed and can be viewed on line.

Mr. Vince McCarthy asked how our water rates would be affected by the Santa Maria tie-in. Mr. Bruce Buell, General Manager of NCS D said the project is expected to cost between \$18 million and \$20 million which would cost all users approximately \$90.00

more every other month. Under Prop. 218 the residents have the right to protest and the votes would need to be 50% plus one to successfully disapprove. The Nipomo area has been mandated by the State of California to provide 2500 more acre feet of water per year.

Informational Presentation: Mr. Brian Pedrotti

Mr. Heber Perrett of Suey Ranch has requested a boundary change of the County line between San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County. The area is near the Santa Maria River and the Cuyama River in the South County. It was discussed and the SCAC Board concluded that there is no benefit to this change for San Luis Obispo County and would in fact be detrimental. This item came before the SCAC Board in the past and was not recommended. Mr. Perrett may be looking to develop the area which is presently in agriculture. If approved, the development would use San Luis Obispo County resources but would generate tax revenue for Santa Barbara County.

It was suggested that the SCAC Board recommend disapproval of this request immediately in order to go on record again that this is not a benefit to San Luis Obispo County.

Mr. Rick Dean moved that we update the letter of 2006 that was sent to the County and resubmit the letter with our recommendation of disapproval. Motion seconded by Ms. Stephanie Franks. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Mr. Kevin Beauchamp spoke about the recent burglary on their property and the lack of Sheriff Department and District Attorney thoroughness in the arrest and conviction of the criminal who stole some checks and was filmed cashing the checks at Rabobank. Subsequently the Sheriff's Department went to the suspect's house on Price Street where they discovered a meth lab. The suspect was arrested but served only 60 days in jail even though there were a number of felonies committed.

Ms. Carolyn Holly opined that the Sheriff's Department fell down on the job and the court system failed to do its job. Hence the criminal is now out of jail. Mr. Beauchamp and Ms. Holly were urged to contact Chief Deputy Martin Basti and Commander Brian Hascall directly.

Mike Winn of the NCSB Board indicated that the recent election of County Supervisors may provide better environmental protection for our area.

He noted that County Supervisor Katcho Achadjian strongly stood up for our area with regard to added Sheriff's positions for gang deputies and funds for the Willow interchange. He indicated there would also be an upcoming vote on a parcel tax assessment for property owners to fully fund the Willow interchange construction.

Mr. Winn also indicated that the recent article in the Tribune Newspaper indicating that Nipomo area has more water, is not accurate, but a misinterpretation based upon when the well readings were taken and compared.

Mr. Dan Woodson announced a fund raiser for the Dana Adobe will be held on September 21, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Adobe with a cost of approximately \$18.50. Beer and wine will be served.

Mr. Phil Henry announced the Santa Barbara County Fair will be held July 9 through July 15 at the Santa Maria Fair Grounds. This Fair benefits our young people who show their animals and hold an auction of items they have made.

An Incorporation meeting to discuss incorporating Nipomo will be held Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Attorney Guy Murray's office on Tefft.

Old Business: Mr. Dan Woodson

Mr. Woodson announced that a meeting was held concerning the Las Flores traffic problem on May 29 at the County Supervisors Conference Room. Present were: County Supervisor Katcho Achadjian; Vickie Janssen, Legislative Asst.; Dr. William Brand, Interim Director of LMUSD; Mary Melton, Transportation Director for the LMUSD; Kevin Baker, Facilities Director for LMUSD; Irene Iwan, Principal of Dorthea Lange School; Commander Brian Hascall, Sheriff's Department; Lt. Mark Badovinac and Sgt. Chuck Jordan, California Highway Patrol; Dave Flynn, Deputy Dir. Of County Public Works; Dale Ramey, South County Project Planner, County Public Works; and Dan Woodson, Nipomo Traffic and Circulation Committee. The following was agreed upon:

Enforcement: Highway Patrol will provide motorcycle officer presence before and after school.
Education: Driver feedback sign; Highway Patrol will make an appearance at the end-of-year assembly; Highway Patrol will make an appearance at next year's beginning-of-year assembly; uniformed deputy sheriff will pass out safety brochures at drop off points.

Administrative: Remove "5 minute parking" signs at Osage and Las Flores to discourage this intersection as a drop-off point avoiding U-Turn maneuvers; and include the traffic issue as part of the new principal's orientation.

New Business

Crosno Property: Mr. Ray Crosno is requesting a building permit for a paint booth and large metal warehouse on his property at 819 Sheridan Rd., Arroyo Grande. This property is zoned for heavy industrial but is adjacent to a residential area. Mr. Crosno indicated these improvements will help eliminate the fumes, smell, overspray and noise that his paint business generates.

A number of his neighbors spoke about problems they have had in the past and a letter from one of the neighbors was read indicating their cars had to be detailed several times as a result of overspray. Mr. Alfredo Atahia whose property is adjacent to the property has had numerous problems with noise, fumes, and overspray and has spoken to Mr. Crosno in the past.

Mr. Victor Flores confirmed the problems mentioned by Mr. Atahia and also indicated there is smoke from the property and welding noise.

It was noted that Mr. Crosno must meet EIR standards and Code Enforcement should do some tests to make sure he is within the limits required.

Mr. Crosno agreed to the following:

A tall fence will be built to help eliminate noise and fumes

Trees or large scrubs will be planted along the fence to help with noise and esthetics

All work will be done indoors, both painting and drying

The chimney stack's height will be increased for more filtering of fumes
Code Enforcement will monitor the facility
An awning will be provided to improve the esthetics of the warehouse

Mr. Reggie Dion moved that all the items are done with a written commitment from Mr. Crosno and a follow up by Code Enforcement. Mr. Rick Dean seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Borges Property: Mr. Terry Orton of Westland Engineering Inc. requests a permit for a driveway and residence on 2.9 acres located off Calle Cielo in Nipomo. Mr. Orton had no new information to offer at this time. Mr. Rick Dean moved we table this request for further information. Discussion followed with a number of neighbors voicing the following:

Mr. Robert Klein, who is a neighbor of the property, said this process has been going on for 20 years and was previously denied and adjudicated in 2003 with a ruling that the property was unsuitable for building. The property is on the edge of the bluff which has no stability and the area suffered a "blow out" in 2001 in which the cliff collapsed.

Mrs. Sue Klein stated that their house is above the project and produced pictures to show the instability of the property.

Mr. Charles Gulyash noted that the proposed site for the garage and residence is not large enough.

Mr. Tom Nugent also noted the lack of safety of the project

Ms. Istar Holliday noted that there is no bedrock present on this area of the bluff and no matter how deep the pylons are placed they will still only be sunk in sand. She also noted that there is not enough set-back from the edge of the bluff where a "blow out" has already occurred once. There is also a lack of adequate drainage and the project is too large for the site.

Mr. Vince McCarthy specifically asked that Mr. Orton come back to the SCAC Board prior to going to the County Planning Commission with the request.

Mr. Rick Dean's motion was amended to include that the item is tabled with assurance from Mr. Brian Pedrotti of the County Planning Department that this item comes back through the SCAC Board. The motion included the requirement that Mr. Orton come back to the SCAC Board within a two month period and that a letter is sent immediately by Ms. Istar Holliday to County Planning with the SCAC Board's concerns so that County Planning is not presented with this item prior to the input of the SCAC Board's reservations having been noted. Ms. Stephanie Franks seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Dan Woodson voted nay.

Committee Reports

Land Use Committee: Chairman Istar Holliday indicated no further report.

Traffic and Circulation: Chairman Dan Woodson announced a Safe Route to School Meeting at Nipomo High School on Thompson Rd. on June 26, 6:30 p.m.

A total of \$10 million is now available for the Willow Rd. interchange project with another \$6 million possibly available from San Luis Obispo County. The Notice to Proceed will be issued June 26 and the work started on Pomeroy in July.

Reporting Process Discussion: The Council discussed the problem of projects that avoid full SCAC review and go directly to the Planning Commission. In these situations the Planning Commission does not have the benefit of SCAC's review and recommendations. It was decided that any Land Use Committee recommendations in such an event would come to the SCAC for discussion and recommendation prior to any correspondence being forwarded to the Planning Commission.

Next Meeting is July 28, 2008. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.